



Rongomai School

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Rāpare 18 o Mahuru - Thursday 18th September 2025

Tēnā koutou, Kia orana, Malo ni, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, la orana,
Kumusta and Greetings!

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - SCHOOL FINISHES AT 12PM TOMORROW

Just a reminder that **tomorrow, 19th September is our last day of school for the term.** School will **finish at 12pm**, with the **walking bus departing at 11.50am**. Please ensure your child has adequate supervision for the rest of the day.

School will **resume on Monday, 6th October 2025 at 8.45am**. Please ensure your child returns to school on time for Term 4. If your child is going to be absent please contact the school office or your child's teacher with the reason for their absence.

We wish you all a safe and enjoyable holiday, and look forward to seeing you all back for Term 4. It's going to be a great one!

Quiz Winners 🏆

It looks like we've got a whole bunch of detectives 🕵️ among us this time! The secret phrase hidden in the last newsletter was... **"Ake, ake, ake! (forever and ever)"** 🎉

A big congratulations to everyone who found it — ka rawe koe! Special shoutout to our two winners, **Manu and Mckayla from Room 7**. We've also got a couple of unclaimed prizes from previous rounds; **Desmond (R6)** and **Charlotte (R10)**. Please visit the office to collect your prize.

Important Dates

Term 4

October

6th: First Day of Term 4 - 8.45am Start

8th: Photolife: School Photos

27th: Labour Day (Public Holiday)

November

4th - 7th: Senior (Y5/6) School Camp

December

5th: Rongomai Fest & Prizegiving

16th: Last Day of School - 12pm Finish

Rongomai School Board of Trustees

Congratulations to our newly elected Board of Trustees! 🎉 After a thorough election and voting process, we are delighted to officially announce our new Board.

Parent Representatives: Neuton Lambert, Memory Andrew-Fariu, Christina Talimalo-Stanley, Lanu Apineru, and Merry Faimuina.

Staff Representative: Carol Fauolo.

A huge congratulations to all our board members, and thank you to everyone who voted. We're excited to see the great work this team will do in ensuring the very best experiences and opportunities for all our Rongomaite!

Senior Camp (Y5/6) – Term 4, Week 5 🏕️

From **Tuesday 4th to Friday 7th November 2025**, our Year 5/6 students will be attending camp at the Christian Youth Camp in Ngāruawāhia. The cost is **\$200 per student**.

Payments can be made at the school office (**not to your child's teacher**) via cash, EFTPOS, Paywave, or bank transfer to **12-3021-0018-772-00** (please use your child's name as the reference and "Camp" as the particulars). Minimum payments of **\$5** are accepted.

All payments are **due by tomorrow, Friday 19th September 2025**. Thank you to those who have already paid.

If you are unable to meet this deadline, please **get in touch with your child's teacher** to make a payment arrangement. Our goal is for all our Year 5/6 students to be able to attend camp, so don't hesitate to reach out.

Te Uki 'Ou Kuki 'Airani Numbers Fundraiser

A friendly reminder that payments for the **Te Uki 'Ou Kuki 'Airani numbers fundraiser** are now due.

All students in the Cook Islands group are required to have their numbers **1–15 paid for** — a total of **\$120**. Funds raised will go towards **uniforms** and the group's **end-of-year celebrations**, so your support is greatly appreciated! Please ensure payments are made **as soon as possible**.

Payments can be made at the office via cash, EFTPOS, Paywave, or bank transfer to **12-3021-0018-772-00** (**use your child's name as reference and "KukiGroup" as particulars**). Thank you for supporting our Cook Islands group!

School Photos - 8 October 📷

Our school photos will be taken next term, on **Wednesday, 8 October**. Please ensure your tamariki come to school in **full school uniform** and looking presentable.

After the photos are taken, you will receive an **email with instructions** on how to place an order for your child's school photos from Photolife. Please ensure your email is **up-to-date and valid**, as this will be the only way to order photos. If you need to update your email or contact details, please visit the office and fill out an **update contact details form**.

Ongoing Road Works 🚧

Just a reminder that there are ongoing roadworks on Rongomai Road and the surrounding streets. We kindly ask that you exercise caution when dropping off or picking up your child/ren. Please also take note of any cones, blockages, or detours that may arise during this time. We apologise for any inconveniences this may cause and thank you for your co-operation.

Parent Voice 🗣️

We've created a short questionnaire to guide our school's direction next year. We'd love your feedback on what we do well and what we could offer more of, especially in arts and academics.



So far, you've told us you value:

- Caring teachers who make children feel safe, valued, and supported
- A warm, welcoming school culture that respects whānau and children's cultures
- Exciting opportunities like EOTC events, Bible studies, E-learning, and strong leadership

You've also shared what you'd like more of including:

- Clear guidance on learning expectations
- Consistent homework to support learning at home
- More ways for parents to support their child's progress
- Bold leadership that prepares our tamariki for the future

We're still gathering feedback and want to hear your thoughts. If you haven't shared your ideas yet, please complete the questionnaire by scanning the QR code.

Elika Consulting Group - ECG

We are inviting all parents and caregivers to complete the **Tapasā Evaluation Survey**. This short survey focuses on how well our school respects and supports Pacific cultural identity, values, and community connections. Your feedback is incredibly valuable in helping us create a more inclusive and supportive environment for our Pacific learners and their families. Please scan the QR code to fill out the survey—your voice matters!



Te Tai Awa o Te Ora

We would like to extend a very warm thank you to our partner organisation, Te Tai Awa o Te Ora, who provide our school with Social Work Services. Today, they very generously made and gifted our school with lots of delicious fried bread! 🍞✨ Our tamariki (and kaimahi!) absolutely enjoyed it. We are so grateful to Te Tai Awa, not only for their generosity today, but for all the amazing work they do and are still doing to support our tamariki. Ngā mihi nui!



Social Worker in Schools (SWIS) - Chevy Te Aute

Noa'ia, Tālofa lava, Mauri, Kia orāna, Mālō e lelei, Talofa, Ni sa bula vinaka, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Mālo ni, Halo olgeta, Halo Oloketa, Tēnā tātou,

My name is Chevy, and I am the Social Worker in Schools (SWiS) at Rongomai School. In this role, I work in partnership with tamariki and their whānau to provide social support, including advocacy, referrals for food parcels, and assistance with other needs as they arise.

I am based at Rongomai School every Monday and Friday from 8:30 am – 4:00 pm in the Student Support building. I am also available throughout the week during business hours and can be contacted via phone (027 518 8622) or email (chevy@taiawa.org.nz).

Beginning next term, I will also be offering dedicated support sessions for parents and whānau who wish to create or update their CVs and/or cover letters. These sessions will run every week (Monday and Friday) between 9:00 am – 11:00 am. Bookings are not required—you are welcome to visit my office during these times.

I look forward to working alongside you and your whānau to support the wellbeing and success of our tamariki.

Absences & Contact Details

It is very important that you report your child's absence **every day** they are away. Also, please ensure that your contact details (phone number, email address etc.) are all up-to-date. You can do this by visiting our school office.

To notify us of an absence, you can:

-  Use Skool Loop – a free app available for download
-  Email us at reception@rongomai.school.nz
-  Call or leave a message at 09 274 6055
-  Message our Facebook page: Rongomai School
-  Submit an absence notice through our school website

Skool Loop App – Stay Connected

Rongomai School uses the free **Skool Loop app** to keep whānau informed. Through the app, you can view notices, newsletters, calendar events, and even submit absences.

To get started:

1. Download Skool Loop from the App Store or Google Play.
2. Open the app, select **New Zealand** → **Auckland** → **Rongomai School**, then tap **Select**.
3. You'll now have access to our school's hub with categories like Notices, Absentee, Calendar, Newsletter, and more.

This is our main platform for school updates — make sure you're connected.

School Policies – SchoolDocs

To view our school's policies and procedures, please visit **schooldocs.co.nz**.
Search for **Rongomai School** and log in using the details below:

Username: rongomai

Password: empowered

Click on:

Parents
Quick Links

This will lead you to the policies and procedures that are currently under review, and require your feedback. This is a great opportunity to help us strengthen the support we provide for our tamariki. You'll also find information about governance, Board of Trustees responsibilities, curriculum, and more.

Parking Reminder

We've noticed some parents parking in front of the gate recently. Please remember that this is not allowed. For everyone's safety, always park in the designated bays or on the roadside—**do not move the cones** to create extra spaces. This ensures our tamariki are kept safe and that vehicles can enter and exit the carpark safely.

A friendly reminder that the staff carpark is for staff use only. If you know the gate code, **please do not use it to access the carpark**. Doing so creates a safety risk and limits parking for our staff.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support in keeping our school safe.

Ki-O-Rahi Fun Day

Last Tuesday, 9th September, our school partnered with CLM to host a Ki-O-Rahi Fun Day! Students enjoyed an action-packed day with games like Ki-O-Rahi, Tug-of-War, Hunger Ball, Soccer and of course, plenty of bouncing on the bouncy castle. Our Rongomaitees had a great time! A big thank you to CLM for organising such a fantastic event for our students.

Below are some highlights from the day:



Left: Some of our Juniors getting stuck into an exciting game of soccer! ⚽

Right: All eyes to the front as our Seniors tune in to the coaches, making sure they don't miss a single instruction! 😊👏



Left: Room 6 warming up for a fun game of hunger ball! Who do you think won? 🤔

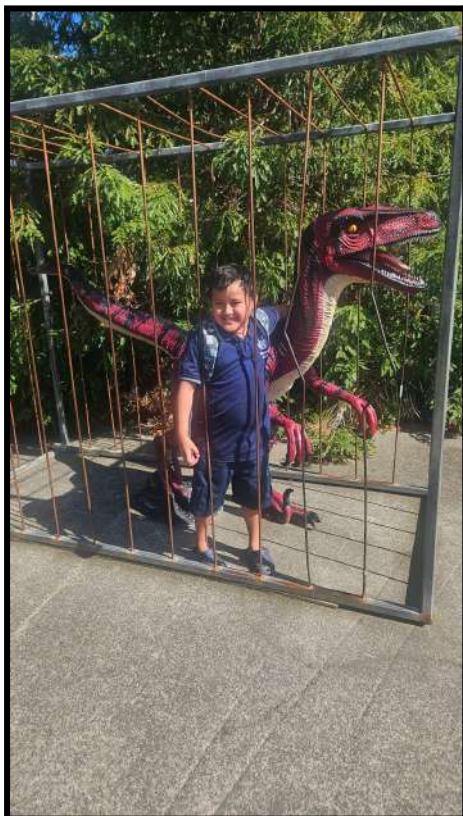
Junior Syndicate Trip - Butterfly Creek

Last Wednesday, 10th of September our Junior Syndicate went on a trip to Butterfly Creek to wrap up their 'Mini-Beasts' unit. Our Junior Students thoroughly enjoyed their trip! Here are some photo highlights from the day:



Left: How epic is this shot?! Maine Christina and Room 5 striking a pose in front of the awesome dragon mural 🐉🔥 Check out that 3D tail — so cool! 🤩✨

Right: Oh no! 😱 Marli's being attacked by a dinosaur — and TJ's just standing there grinning like crazy! 😄 Who's going to save her?



Left: Someone locked Kyoto in with the dinosaur! 🦖 But instead of being scared, he looks delighted. Maybe he's actually tamed the dinosaur? 🤔✨

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori 🌿🌟

This year we celebrated the 50th anniversary of Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori! 🌿🌟

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori was first celebrated in Aotearoa in 1975, and since then, it has become a cherished tradition every year. This year's theme is “**Ake, Ake, Ake – A Forever Language**”, reminding us of the importance of protecting and retaining Te Reo Māori so that future generations can proudly speak their language.

You can help keep Te Reo alive by practising a few simple phrases in your everyday life, such as:

- **Kia ora** – Hello
- **Kei te pēhea koe?** – How are you?
- **Ka pai** – Good
- **Ka rawe** – Awesome
- **Ka kite** – Goodbye

Together, let's ensure Te Reo Māori continues to thrive — **ake, ake, ake!** 💬🌸

Here are some photo highlights from this week's celebrations! 📷🌟



Left: Legend practicing his kapa haka moves — check out that strong stance! 💪



Right: Look at that fierce pukana Lanaia's pulling! 🔥 A few more years and she'll be ready to perform at Te Matatini 👁️



Left: Ka rawe koe, Dhayton! 🙌 Look at that awesome tā moko! 🌟

Birthdays 🎉

We'd like to send our warmest birthday wishes to the following students and staff who will be celebrating their birthdays soon:

SEPTEMBER

17th	Whaea Naomi
18th	Matua Vae Palemata
21st	Maria Martha
25th	Ttorie
26th	Eriu
30th	O'Hendrix

OCTOBER

2nd	Uate Thalia
4th	Boxer
5th	Natasha
14th	TJ

We hope you all have a wonderful day 🎉



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For more information, visit their website: www.buniform.co.nz



Have children aged 2–5 years old and want to start their educational journey?

Enrol them at **Sathya Sai Preschool Rongomai**, a preschool that nurtures early learning through values-based education.

For more information, visit their school site or go online at www.sathyasaipreschoolrongomai.org.nz. Located on site here at, 20 Rongomai Road.

Ngā Rā o te Wiki - Days of the Week

Y Z N Z C F P E D B H Z E E D
 I E R E N E W T P Z O R T Q E
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Ngā Rā o te Wiki	Kupu Arotāu (Loan Words)
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Rāhina	Mane
Rātū	Turei
Rāapa	Wenerei
Rāpare	Taite
Rāmere	Paraire
Rāhoroi	Hatarei
Rātapu	Rātapu

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